HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 550

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A RESOLUTION to commend Paul Martin Overholser for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Paul Overholser is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Curtis Johnson; Paul's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Austin Peay State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Paul has maintained an exemplary major grade point average of 3.3 while majoring in Political Science with a concentration in Legal Studies and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including serving as President for the College Republicans and Pi Sigma Alpha and as the Campaign Manager for the Ken Goble for Judge Campaign; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Paul Overholser brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2007 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2007 legislative session, Paul Overholser surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; he worked with the Republican caucus staff on committee reports, represented Representative Johnson at a community function, researched legislation for Representative Johnson and Representative Jim Coley, and attended and reported on eighty-eight committees and subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Overholser has also arranged meetings for Representative Johnson, prepared 1,300 high school graduation certificates, created welcome packets and scheduled

events for a high school field trip to the Capitol, scheduled two local pastors and coordinated their "pastor of the day" events, and filled in for the two assistants in his assigned office; and

WHEREAS, Paul Overholser has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Paul Martin Overholser for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Curtis Johnson and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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